

IN THE DRAWINGS

Corrected drawings are supplied herewith. Therefore, the objections with respect to the drawings should be withdrawn.

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated August 13, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 1 and 5-7 are amended, claims 8-25 are cancelled, without prejudice to the Applicants, and claims 26-38 are added; as a result, claims 1-7 and 26-38 are now pending in this application.

The amendments to the claims are consistent with the original filed specification. Moreover, the added claims are consistent with the previously issued restriction requirement. Thus, entry of the amendments and added claims is appropriate. Applicants also note that they reserve the right to file later divisional or continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims (claims 8-25).

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to as being difficult to read. Formal drawings are supplied herewith. Therefore, the objections to the drawings are no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Quine et al. (U.S. 2003/0115280). It is of course fundamental that in order to sustain an anticipation rejection that each and every step in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the cited reference.

Quine is directed to a method of determining email address format rules. In Quine, there is no ability to select multiple domains for an email address. The Examiner's attention is directed to the same references that the Examiner cited Applicants to within Quine, namely paragraphs 12 and 79. Here, it is apparent that in Quine email formats are processed based on a single domain. That is, an email address is defined based on a single domain. There is no ability or even suggestion of a teaching in Quine where an email may be defined in terms of multiple domains, which is now the case with Applicants' amended independent claims.

More particularly, in Quine a particular domain communicates its email format to an email service via a registration process. An email service is designed to resolve emails in

different formats to that particular format expected by that particular domain. Quine does not teach defining an email independent of any particular domain, such that the email itself can be defined for multiple domains. It is also noted, that the email in Quine includes a single prefix format for a single domain, and other formats for the prefix are attempted to be resolved to the single prefix format for the single domain. That is, Quine does not provide multiple prefix formats; rather, Quine attempts to resolve formatting errors, such as spelling errors, punctuation errors, etc. Quine seeks to detect and resolve syntactical errors, rather than providing multiple semantic alternative formats.

Quine is a correction mechanism for email addressing errors. To achieve this, Quine syntactically analyzes an email and attempts to put it in the proper and single format expected by a single domain. Quine does not permit multiple semantic alternative formats for both the prefix and the domain portion of an email address for purposes of defining the email. It is clear in Quine that the corrected email may only be associated with one domain and to illustrate that it is also only associated with a single semantic prefix format, the Examiner's attention is directed to FIG. 7 item number 701 and the statement in paragraph 79 at lines 5-7 where it is stated: "an administrator for the organization can select a predetermined address format corresponding to the corporate domain." *Emphasis added.* Notice that only a single format is selected by a single domain. The entire rest of the disclosure in Quine is directed to correcting syntactical mistakes associated with an email address to place it in the single prefix and single domain format for a particular domain.

In fact, paragraph 77 in Quine comports with this interpretation of Applications with respect to the single prefix for an email. In this paragraph, the solution for an organization that changes its prefix format is to reregister that new format with the email service provided in Quine, such that previous formats are routed to the new single permissible format. In Quine, an organization has a single domain format and a single prefix format and redirection or error correction is used to resolve to that single format. An email cannot be defined in Quine such that it can have multiple semantic prefix formats and multiple domains. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Quine cannot be said to anticipate the amended independent claims.

Accordingly, Quine fails to teach each and every aspect of Applicants' amended independent claim 1 and newly added independent claims 26 and 33, because there is no ability

to define an email in Quine such that the email can have multiple semantic permutations and more particularly such that the email can have multiple domains and/or multiple varying prefix formats.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections with respect to Quine be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

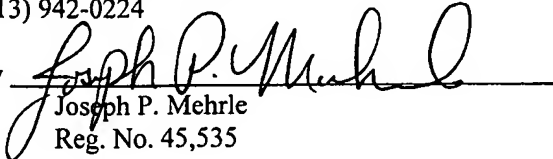
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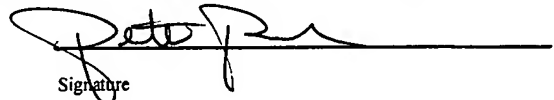
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